

SunWise Policy Information Guide

Evaluate Your School

Use this evaluation tool by answering the following questions to determine your school's current sun protection practices. Add up the total number of points from all of the questions below and refer to the key for suggestions on how to make your school more SunWise.

Assess the use of school grounds in relation to availability and use of shade:

How many trees or shade structures are on your school grounds?

- 2 Many 1 Few 0 None

Are shaded areas available to students during lunch, recess, physical education, and sports?

- 2 Yes 1 Somewhat 0 No

Approximately what proportion of outdoor space is sheltered by structures and/or trees?

- 2 66–100% 1 33–66% 0 0–33%

Can the amount of shade be realistically increased in areas of high student use?

- 2 Yes 1 Somewhat 0 No

Are there currently any future plans for adding new trees/structures or new construction or renovations that would provide more shade?

- 2 Yes
1 Possibly, if can secure funding
0 Not at this time

Assess current school policies for aspects that encourage or discourage SunWise practices:

Are the students allowed to apply sunscreen in school?

- 2 Yes
1 Only on field trips/field days
0 No

Are teachers and nurses allowed to apply/help apply sunscreen to students?

- 2 Yes
1 Teachers monitor while students apply it themselves
0 No, they are not allowed

Are students allowed to wear hats on school grounds?

- 2 Yes, but not in the building
1 Only allowed on field days/field trips
0 No

At what time of day are outdoor activities scheduled?

- 2 All activities are before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.
1 Try to avoid 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
0 Most activities are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Page 5 and 6 of the SunWise Policy Information Guide is a great resource to assess any current sun safety school policies your school might have.

Download the SunWise Policy Information Guide [here](#) or click on the image above.